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Re: U.S. Patent Application No. 09/669,817  
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For: *Nucleic Acid Molecules and Other Molecules Associated with  
Plants*  
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) are the following documents:

1. Copy of the Corrected Decision on the Petition filed on January 8, 2001;
2. Preliminary Amendment and Response to the Corrected Decision on the Petition filed on January 8, 2001;
3. Replacement copy of the Sequence Listing in Computer Readable Form (CRF);
4. Sequence Listing on CD-ROM--Copy 1;
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6. Statement Regarding Sequence Submission; and
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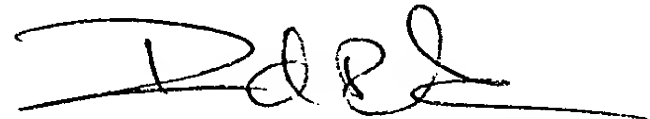
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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 50-1824, referencing matter number 38-21(51469)B.

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